



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

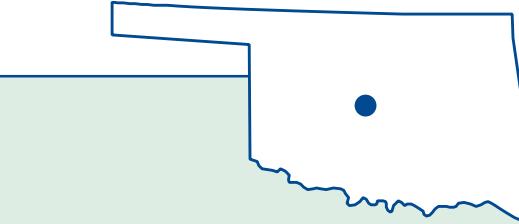
Love Link Ministries, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Love Link Ministries, Inc., was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located within the federally designated Empowerment Zone of Oklahoma City (population 537,734), the cleanup site area (population 49,337) is characterized by prolonged disinvestment. In 2001, nearly 1,000 brownfields were inventoried in Oklahoma City. There are many old vacant structures, undeveloped parcels of land used for dumping, and industrial facilities that abut schools, playgrounds, and residences in the area. The poverty rate in the area is 40 percent, the unemployment rate is 12 percent, and nearly 60 percent of residents are minorities. The



Cleanup Grant



\$37,130 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Love Link Ministries, Inc., for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up a vacant building at 1200 Linwood Boulevard in Oklahoma City. The site building is contaminated with inorganic substances. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

vacant building at 1200 Linwood Boulevard poses safety and health risks to the local population. Once cleanup is complete, Love Link Ministries, Inc., plans to construct a landscaped parking facility at the site. The availability of sufficient parking will enhance the organization's ability to provide the community with social services such as counseling and recovery programs and an after-school youth program.